

REMARKS

Claims 4-13 and 46-55 are pending, with claims 4, 9, 46, and 51 being independent. Claims 1-3 and 14-45 are cancelled. New claims 45-55 are hereby added. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,396,468 to Matsushima et al. (Matsushima). Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsushima in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,486,862 to Jacobsen et al. (Jacobsen). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,373,459 to Jeong (Jeong). Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jeong in view of Jacobsen. Claims 5, 6, 10, and 11 are objected to as being dependent on a base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 4 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsushima, claim 4, as amended, recites, "A display device comprising: a plurality of pixels, each comprising a **light emitting element**, the light emitting element comprising an anode, a cathode and an organic compound layer provided therebetween..." Thus, claim 4 recites a light emitting element (such as might be used in conjunction with an electro-luminescent (EL) device) having the features recited therein.

In contrast, Matsushima relates to a liquid crystal display device. Since Matsushima does not disclose or properly suggest the display device having a light emitting element as recited in claim 4, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 4 is believed to be allowable. As a result, claims 7 and 8, which dependent from claim 4, also are believed to be allowable.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 9 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Jeong, claim 9, as amended, recites, "A display device comprising: a plurality of pixels, each comprising a **light emitting element**, the light emitting element comprising an anode, a cathode and an organic compound layer provided therebetween..." Thus, similarly to claim 4, claim 9 recites a light emitting element having the features recited therein.

In contrast, Jeong relates to a liquid crystal display device. Since Jeong does not disclose or properly suggest the display device having a light emitting element as recited in claim 9,

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Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 9 is believed to be allowable. As a result, claims 12 and 13, which dependent from claim 4, also are believed to be allowable.

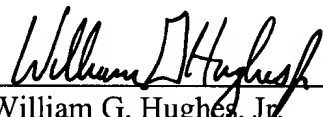
Similar comments apply to newly-added independent claims 46 and 51 (and their respective dependent claims 47-50 and 52-55), as these claims recite a light-emitting element in the context of a display device having specified features.

As all of the pending claims 4-13 and 46-55 are believed to be in condition for allowance (claims 5, 6, 10, and 11 having already been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as referred to above), such action is hereby requested in the Examiner's next official communication.

Enclosed is a \$110.00 check for the One-Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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